

Draft Seminars Update

Hi Newf friends! Here is a little draft update for you! We actually will now have two draft seminars to choose from and would love for you to come join us for one or both! Again, for both seminars, we welcome any level of person or dog, from those who just want to learn more about draft, to those who want to get a harness on their dog for the first time, to those who have been doing draft and want to run their dog through a course. Any breed is also welcome to attend. I will be introducing my puppy to draft for the first time at these seminars and we will also have more experienced draft dogs to demonstrate everything, so you'll get to watch all levels.

The first seminar will be held on **Saturday January 3, 2026** at Wickham Park in Melbourne, FL and will go from 10am until everyone has gotten their fill of draft for the day. The address for the park is 2500 Parkway Dr. Melbourne, FL 32935.

The second seminar will be held on **Saturday January 31, 2026** in Riverview, FL on the private property of George and Donna Norman. This seminar will also start around 10am and go until everyone has gotten their fill. This is the same location as the NEWFFLA draft test, so for anyone interested in testing in March, this is especially a great opportunity. However, even if you don't want to test, this seminar is open to anyone! The address for this seminar is 14116 Carrie Pauline Lane, Riverview, FL 33569.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and introducing new people to this fun dog sport and are excited to offer a couple of opportunities in 2026. For anyone who can't make these seminars and would still like to learn, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Please contact Taylor Vinge at taylorvinge1@gmail.com if you will be attending one or both of the seminars. There is no charge, but we need to keep a head count of dogs and their humans! I will also be making separate event pages on facebook for each of the seminars for those attending.

What do you need to bring?

- crates or x-pens for your dogs when they are not working
- fans
- water
- chairs
- draft equipment if you have it (if not no worries!)
- lunch/snacks/beverages for yourself

Please check out the following videos before attending this event:

- Getting started in draft: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdI43nxu3pU>
- NCA Draft The Wilczek Harness: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wPDpk8Cs6WI>
- NCA Draft How to correctly hitch your dog: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/czTa--BWSrc>

Here is a link to a list of pet friendly hotels in Melbourne. Please call the location you are interested in for more information on pricing and any size limits:

https://www.bringfido.com/lodging/city/melbourne_fl_us/

Here is a link to the La Quinta hotel in Riverview, FL where most entrants stay for the draft test. We also have many people book through Airbnb, so also look there.

https://www.guestreservations.com/la-quinta-inn-suites-tampa-brandon-regency-park/booking?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=963456878&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=963456878&gclid=Cj0KCQiArt_JBhCTARIsADQZayk2-W2Yb2fKw7CcChWR7wYIZVix5Ah-kcFtQsrFeVN87ta8zpCsz_QaAj1eEALw_wcB&ctTriggered=true

Sincerely,
Jennifer Arent and Taylor Vinge
Co-working dog chairs for NEWFFLA

